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SUBJECT: JULIO HUERTENATTE  
POTENTIAL CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE

Reference memorandum from you to the Director 6-3-59 concerning "Julio Huertenatte, Potential Confidential Source," setting out information furnished by Ernie Davidson. Davidson suggested that Huertenatte, former Panamanian Ambassador to U.S., might prove to be an excellent source of intelligence data for FBI. Davidson mentioned that Ed Hart, who registered with Department recently as agent for ex-Cuban President Batista for avowed purpose of obtaining asylum in U.S. for Batista, claimed to have been given \$900 deposit and promised \$5,000 fee in connection with this assignment. Director inquired as to whether information provided by Davidson regarding Hart should be given to Department.

Hart registered with Department 5-5-59, Registration Statement No. 1224, listing his foreign principal as Fulgencio Batista of Ciudad Trujillo, Dominican Republic, and the Batista family of Daytona Beach, Florida. He listed his purpose as obtaining the right of asylum for Batista, reuniting the Batista family in Daytona Beach and correcting misinformation regarding Batista. Hart indicated that he had received a retainer of \$5,000 in connection with this assignment. Hart, born 11-17-03 in Cincinnati, listed his business address as 1122 19th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. As a matter of fact, by letter 4-27-59, Internal Security Division advised us that Hart had contacted the Registration Section of Department 4-24-59 concerning his employment by Batista and to discuss his obligations under the Registration Act.

With regard to Huertenatte, Bufiles contain a number of references to Julio Ernesto Huertenatte, Jr., during the 1940's. This individual, who was at one time an undersecretary of commerce in Panama and was a close associate of former Panamanian President Arnulfo Arias, was characterized by several sources as a Nazi sympathizer. Moreover, according to ONI report, 12-23-49, Huertenatte, Jr., admitted to U.S. Navy representative that he had attended inaugural meeting of Communist Party of Panama, year not noted, and had contributed \$100 to Panamanian Communist Party, purportedly to allow him to "keep his feet in the door" so he could determine the Communist Party's aims and find out what was going on. ONI report characterized Huertenatte as anti-American, ultra-nationalistic and formerly pro-Nazi. ONI memorandum noted that Huertenatte had good chance of being named Ambassador to U.S. However, Bureau files do not contain any references indicating that Huertenatte actually served as ambassador to U.S.

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(1) With reference to Director's inquiry, as pointed out above, Department already has pertinent information concerning Hart's activities on behalf of Batista. It is not believed necessary that we advise Department of Davidson's opinion to the effect that Hart is a faker and is lying about his arrangements with Batista.

(2) Inasmuch as Huertematta may contact Bureau, it is felt we should have Washington Field Office conduct discreet inquiries concerning him to determine his background and veracity and in particular to determine if person referred to by Davidson is identical with individual listed in Bureau files as pro-Hart and anti-U. S. Attached is letter to Washington Field in line with above.

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